

To the Commission:

Sinclair  
Broadcasting's  
decision to force  
their stations to  
air an anti-Kerry  
documentary days  
before the election  
is a clear example  
of the dangers of  
media consolidation.

It is frighteningly  
reminiscent of  
developments in  
pre-WWII Germany!

Sinclair uses the  
public airwaves free  
of charge, and is  
obligated by law to  
serve the public  
interest.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
real regulation: not  
of content, but of  
the restrictive or  
manipulative control  
of content at the  
local and regional  
levels.

I ask you to recall  
the the idealism of  
elementary school  
civics films of the  
late 40's and 50's,  
and to bring that  
idealism to bear on  
your actions.

Many thanks for your  
consideration.